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SUBJECT: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WARNS AGAINST CONFRONTATION IN  
BELGRADE OVER HUMAN RIGHTS

1. IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF THELEFT OF CENTER COPENHAGEN  
DAILY POLITIKEN, FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN DIS-  
CUSSES CSCE AND THE DANISH HOPES FOR THE FALL FOLLOW-UP  
IN BELGRADE. ANDERSEN NOTES THE RESLTS OF THE HELSINKI  
ACCORDS HAS NOT ONLY GIVEN THE SMALLER NATIONS "THE  
POSSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTING TO DETENTE", BUT "THE  
CSCE DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPORTANT IN DEVELOP-  
ING COOPERATION AMONG COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AND  
WITHIN NATO". IN SO STATING, ANDERSEN PRESENTS STILL  
ANOTHER REASON FOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT'S  
STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE EC AND TO NATO. THIS COOPERA-  
TION, HE ARGUES, HASLED THE INSTITUTIONS TO DEVEOTE MORE  
TIME AND EFFORT TO EXAMINE HOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
THE SOVIET UNION AND HER ALLIES CAN BE PUT ON A  
HIGHER AND ORE CONSTRUCTIVE LEVEL "WITHOUT IMPAIRING  
OUR WESTERN INTERESTS."

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2. WHILE DEPLORING THAT NOT ALL SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS  
HAVE SHOWN AN EQUAL INTEREST IN IMPLEMENTING THE FINAL  
ACT, ANDERSEN AGAIN WARNS AGAINST HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
FOR THE FOLLOW-UP. "NO ONE SHOULD EXPECT DRAMATIC  
CHANGES TO TAKE PLACE FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT" HE  
SAYS, AND POINTING TOWARD THE US HE CONTINUED,  
"CONFRONTATION (WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURN OF THE

COLD WAR) MUST BE AVOIDED. THIS IS TRUE ALSO FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS." HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED OPENLY AND OBJECTIVELY "AS SHOULD ANY AND ALL OF THE OTHER PRINCIPLES", AND HE ADDS: "IF TALKS ARE TO PRODUCE A RESULT, A MODICUM OF OF MUTUAL MODERATION IN THE CHOICE OF WAYS AND MEANS IS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE UNDERSTANDING FOR OR ACCEPTANCE OF POSITIONS IMPORTANT TO THE FABRIC AND POLITICS OF SOCIETY."

3. ANDERSEN REVEALS THAT AT THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP, DENMARK WILL SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR ANOTHER MEETING TO TAKE PLACE "IN A COUPLE OF YEARS". "WE BELIEVE IT WISER" HE SAYS, "FOR THE MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE TO CONTINUE STEP BY STEP", AND DENMARK WILL NOT ACCEPT A "LARGE PERMANENT INSTITUTION THAT WOULD OVER SHADOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT DECISIONS."

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSION IS A RESTATEMENT OF DANISH THINKING ON THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP, IT AGAIN SHOWS THE DEEP DANISH CONCERN THAT THE FOLLOWUP MAY FAIL BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN ISSUE. THE DISCUSSIONS ALSO SERVES TO SHOW DANISH SATISFACTION WITH NATO IN ITS PRESENT FORM.  
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